

Nixon Peace Plan Facing Foreign, Domestic Tests



MET IN SECRET: President Nixon announced Tuesday night in Washington that his National Security Advisor, Henry Kissinger, right, met secretly with Kuan Thuy, center, head of the North

Vietnamese delegation to the Paris Peace Talks, and Le Duc Tho, left, member of the Central Committee of the North Vietnam Communist party during past year and a half. (AP Wirephoto)

President Tells Of Secret Talks With Red Envoys

Thieu Would Step Down To Clear Way For New Elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has unveiled before a nationwide audience a secret eight-point Vietnam peace offer which now faces a double test: from Communist envoys and from critics at home.

In one of the major surprises of his administration, Nixon disclosed a proposal made secretly eight months ago for a U.S. pullout in exchange for a

prisoner release, and his broad-or eight-point offer tendered last October. The latter includes an agreement that South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu would step down pending a new election.

In a radio-television address Tuesday night Nixon disclosed he had dispatched his national security adviser, Henry A. Kissinger, to Paris a dozen times since Aug. 4, 1969, for hushhush negotiations with top North Vietnamese envoys.

Hanoi negotiators rejected a U.S. offer last May for a force-pullout deadline in return for prisoner release and a cease-fire, he said. Nixon said the eight-point plan "has not been rejected, but it has been ignored."

A White House official said the first enemy response "is likely to be negative" when U.S. negotiator William Porter presents the plan publicly at Thursday's weekly Paris peacetalks meeting. The official voiced hope for a more-favorable North Vietnamese reaction later.

But a main aim of Nixon's 20-minute address was also to defuse domestic criticism—and various congressmen who have been attacking the administration's Vietnam policy were again disapproving.

Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern said he does not think the new Nixon formula will work. Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said Nixon did not offer enough to gain Hanoi's acceptance. Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., said the American national interest "still requires complete

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PEACE PROPOSAL: President Nixon told a television audience Tuesday night he has submitted a Vietnam peace plan to the Communists which would end the war in Indochina. The plan calls for withdrawal of all U.S. forces within six months and new South Vietnamese presidential elections, if North Vietnam frees American POWs and agrees to a cease-fire in Indochina. (AP Wirephoto)



THIEU AGREES: South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu, above, announced Wednesday on national radio in Saigon that he had agreed to the secret allied peace proposal which would call for his resignation. He stated that Communists would be allowed to offer candidates in a new election. Thieu spoke minutes after President Nixon completed his peace proposals announcement in Washington. (AP Wirephoto)

Author, Family Coming To U.S.

Hopes To Clear Up Hughes Book Controversy

IBIZA, Balearic Islands (AP) — Author Clifford Irving and his blonde Swiss wife left for New York today to try to straighten out the controversy over his book about Howard Hughes. They took their two children with them.

Interviewed by newsmen at his home on Ibiza Tuesday, the 41-year-old novelist said he was also going to answer a New York court order in another case.

Irving says he compiled an autobiography of Hughes in a

series of interviews with the industrialist over a period of months. McGraw-Hill Book Co. issued three checks to Hughes totaling \$650,000 for the book, and Irving said Tuesday he delivered the checks personally to Hughes.

The first one, he said, was for \$50,000 and was handed over in a room in the Bahamas last April 23. The second, for \$275,000, he said he delivered in a room in Key Biscayne, Fla., on Sept. 23. He said he gave the third, for \$325,000, to Hughes on

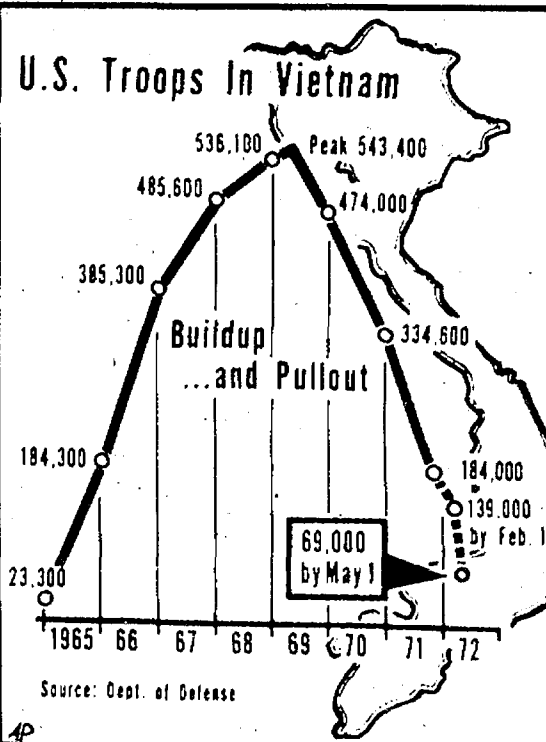
Dec. 2 somewhere in Florida, but he declined to pinpoint the location.

However, the New York Daily News reported that Irving said in an affidavit filed in New York that he delivered the third check on Dec. 3 in Miami to "a man known to me to be a trusted and bonafide associate of Mr. Hughes ... George Gordon Holmes." The affidavit added that within two hours, Hughes personally acknowledged to Irving that he had received the check.

Employees of Hughes have filed an affidavit in New York, purportedly signed by the billionaire recluse, in which he denied that he had ever met Irving, said the autobiography was a fake and said he knows nothing of the checks.

The checks, made out to H.R. Hughes, were deposited in a Zurich bank by a woman giving the name Helga R. Hughes. She subsequently withdrew the money, and a Swiss warrant has been issued for her arrest.

The Zurich detective in charge of the investigation, Lt. Willy Ulrich, said Tuesday that



WITHDRAWAL PROGRESS: Chart traces the history of U.S. troops stationed in South Vietnam. Dotted line depicts projected withdrawal of forces. President Nixon announced Tuesday night in Washington a plan to withdraw all U.S. forces from Vietnam within six months if North Vietnam frees American prisoners of war and agrees to a cease-fire in Indochina. (AP Wirephoto)

Irving and his wife should go to Zurich voluntarily for questioning, but Irving said he would go only if his lawyer told him to.

He added that he had not talked to Swiss police but that his wife did a few days ago.

Swiss police have asked U.S. authorities for the originals of the three McGraw-Hill checks so their handwriting experts can compare the endorsements with the specimen signature

given by Helga R. Hughes when she opened the account in the Swiss Credit Bank through which the checks cleared.

A Credit Bank lawyer said comparison made when the checks were deposited showed the signatures were identical. Earlier reports said the woman endorsed at least two of the checks in the presence of officials of the bank, but both Ulrich and the lawyer said Tuesday that this could not be determined.

Judge Orders Fired Teacher Reinstated

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — The Grand Blanc Board of Education, bowing to a court order, has ordered reinstatement of a teacher fired in 1969 for failure to pay union dues.

At the same time, the board said Monday night it would take the decision by Ingham County Circuit Judge Jack W. Warren to the State Appeals Court.

The board had fired Mrs. Carol S. Applegate, who taught English at Grand Blanc High for nearly five years, in June, 1969. The board contended her contract called for her to "contribute fairly to the cost of negotiating and administering the teachers' contract."

Warren said he decided in favor of the teacher because it was not clearly demonstrated how much of the dues specifically went for purposes of negotiation and administration of the contract.

There was no decision by Warren on whether a teacher covered by tenure could be fired for refusing to pay union dues. The Grand Blanc Education Association also has indicated it will file an appeal.

Warren also left undecided whether or not Mrs. Applegate was entitled to back pay. The teacher, who has not taught school since the firing, has indicated she might either sue the school district or go to court over the back pay issue.



CLIFFORD IRVING
Embattled Author



EDITH IRVING
Author's Wife

Never Underestimate The Power Of A Woman

NEWPORT, Ky. (AP) — Mrs. Norbert See, a 5-foot-5, 120-pound brunette, lifted a 2,000 pound automobile off of her trapped son following a traffic accident, then dismissed the feat as "nothing."

"I knew my boy was under the car and I had to get him out," Mrs. See, 33, said Tuesday. "I didn't

notice the weight of the Pinto."

Her son, Mark, 11, was recovering today in a hospital with head and shoulder injuries.

Mrs. See, of Melbourne, Ky., said she was driving home from a veterinarian's office and was distracted when the family Irish setter became sick in the front

seat. The car ran off the road and Mark was thrown out. He was trapped under the car after it hit a pole and rolled over.

"Mark was partially under the car and was complaining of his shoulder, and it was just a small car," said Mrs. See, a part-time secretary.

Final reductions - many items 1/2 price. The Red Balloon. Adv.

HUD To Destroy 2,600 Homes In Detroit Area

DETROIT (AP) — The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office in Detroit said Tuesday it has plans to demolish at least 2,600 single family homes.

The number of houses HUD may tear down because they cannot be repaired or resold may run to 5,000 or more.

The demolitions will result in a loss to HUD of from \$26 million-\$50 million, said William

Whitbeck, HUD area director.

HUD faces ownership of more than 25,000 homes—representing \$265 million in HUD payments—in the area, 80 per cent of them in Detroit, as a result of speculation and illegal activities under the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) mortgage program which has led to soaring foreclosure rates.

Whitbeck said 10 to 20 per cent of the homes in Detroit taken over by HUD would have to be demolished. He said 600 to 1,200 would be torn down "as soon as possible."

The average value of the houses is estimated at \$9,974 by the U.S. General Accounting Office.

No Billboards

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Sen. Edmund S. Muskie will not use billboards in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination because he feels they are "inconsistent with his long-held position on environmental controls," his headquarters said today.

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Budgeting

After checking the synopsis of President Nixon's budget for fiscal 1972-73, Governor Milliken, City Manager Stewart and Hill, County Board Chairman Stacey and other local politicians possibly are wondering if they could raise the anti-discrimination clause in the 14th Amendment.

The Michigan constitution requires them to channel their activities through a balanced budget.

The Founding Fathers who drafted the U.S. constitution in the late 1780s never thought about surrounding the White House and Congress with a similar fence.

Consequently Washington is free to pursue for all that it's worth the laissez faire parallel of charging whatever the market will bear.

The \$246 billion due bill Nixon handed to Congress two days ago is the largest in history and so is the deficit built into its 1,600 pages.

It forecasts a \$38.8 deficit for the fiscal year ending this June 30th, some \$27 billion more than predicted in 1971, and another \$25.5 billion unbalance for the upcoming fiscal year terminating on June 30, 1973.

As long as we're still talking in outer space economic terminology, this means the federal debt will reach close to \$500 billion 17 months hence. This prediction assumes nothing will upset the proposed budget such as sent the 1971-72 projection rolling sideways. Tax cuts and a business upturn less than hoped for last year is creating the present red ink.

What another whopping red ink budget will do to the fight against inflation is the most distressing contemplation. Within the next five months, the government will have to go to the money market for additional loans and refinance a huge bundle of paper already outstanding. The Federal Reserve will have to turn all manner of cartwheels to flush out this fresh money and at the same time not shove interest rates back to their burdensome 1970 highs.

If the Fed or possibly the Almighty Himself can work the budget past the

Rocky Hobby

Americans are great collectors of junk. Everything from used postage stamps to automobile license tags, buttons to match book covers is amassed in many thousands of private collections from one end of the country to another in what seems to be a contest to see who can amass the largest hoard of nothing.

Perhaps this collecting craze is one result of a society which has allowed its citizenry more leisure time to pursue the art of hobbling. There are few, if any, hobbies in which the participant does not, inadvertently or purposefully, gather huge quantities of material.

There is one hobby which receives small notoriety, though it is attracting an increasing number of fans. This is rock hunting, the habit of picking up stone, and followers of this avocation may be found everywhere, from beaches to mountains, deserts to woods.

Rockhounds differ from prospectors in that they are not after one particular mineral but instead roam the countryside examining rock specimens for signs of precious or semi-precious stones.

Among the more precious stones they find, depending on the area, are jade, opal, turquoise, amethyst, zircon and agate. As mentioned before, Americans are great collectors of junk.

But when that junk is in the form of opal or amethyst, well, maybe there is something to collecting stones.

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shoal, the U.S. can return more aggressively to world trade and maintain the dollar at a relatively stable level.

Should the magic wand fail to work, then Uncle Sam will be in deep trouble. Foreign money men, more and more, are becoming convinced Washington will never set its house in order.

The barest glance at the figures reveals the budget is a typical election year production.

Except for moving toward one vital goal, the rebuilding of the Navy to keep it up to the rising Soviet maritime threat, the President merely adds more to what already is being spent.

Coupling that increase with no rise in taxes is designed to fuel the private economy toward the end of reducing the jobless rate.

This is the Keynesian theory holding that when the private economy is dragging its heels, government spending should pick up the slack. This is supposed to get the patient out of bed faster than he could achieve by self help remedies. Once recovery has been achieved, the government can tax the private economy heavier to repay the deficit incurred in restoring equilibrium.

The opposing postulate in the theory maintains that government belt tightening in the same period of private tightening up leads to a deflation for which there may be no end in sight.

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FDR embraced the Keynesian theory with no reservation and whatever his successors in the White House have said differently, this thinking has dominated Washington for almost 40 years.

Nixon who said as a candidate in '68 that he hates deficits gave an off hand statement last year that in a pinch he would be a Keynesian at heart.

A good many economists, in and out of government, follow the Keynesian line despite the U.S. experience with it never producing the result predicted by its author and the sad effects sustained by other governments dabbling with it.

Immediately following the release of Nixon's budget message, these people informed the reporters that the size of the national debt and the extent of annual deficits have no significance as such; that it is their size compared to the gross national product (GNP) that counts.

As evidence for that cheery contention they cite that in 1964 the national debt was \$271 billion or 62 per cent of that year's value of all goods and services furnished in the country.

Today the national debt is \$430 billion or an estimated 32 per cent of the current GNP.

Because Uncle Sam's bills, percentage-wise, are rising so much less than what his people are producing, these economists argue the government is like a man whose salary has shot up while his mortgage payments have remained constant.

They completely forget to mention that, if nothing else, our better paid man is reducing his mortgage, whereas Uncle Sam has not repaid a penny on his debts. He has simply exchanged new bonds for old issues.

DeWayne Saunders, a former Treasury Department officer and now a New York City banker, takes the cheerful outlook but adds a dash of cold water to the porridge. Said Saunders this week:

"Debt is the lubricant for the economy."

"The federal debt is essential in a positive way."

"But you have to keep it under control, and it looks like it's a little bit out of control."

Economically speaking, that's akin to the girl getting just a little bit pregnant.

Politically, Nixon had no options this time with the budget.

This is an election year.

Nobody, not even a William McKinley Republican, expected this budget to be less than its predecessor, and as long as so many people, including conservatives, look for not less than seed money from Washington for this or that pet project, the fiscal Weight Watchers will not get within touching distance of the budget.

Since the first profitable oil well flowed in 1897, Oklahoma drillers have found oil or gas in all but 5 of the state's 77 counties, National Geographic says.

The Big Kick



GLANCING BACKWARDS

WINDS, SNOW RIP
AREA: MORE DUE
1 Year Ago
Blinding snow — shipped by

gale force winds — raised havoc with area motorists this morning and forced the closing of nearly all schools in the

southwestern Michigan area. It was, would you believe, the fourth anniversary of the Great Snow of 1957. Today's forecast calls for continued snow squalls, accompanied by strong winds. Three to four inches of snow is expected today with heavier amounts near Lake Michigan.

BUSINESS MIRROR

The Rising Cost
Of Letter Writing

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK (AP) — How much does it cost a company to produce and mail a letter? If you say \$3.20, the commonly quoted figure, you'll have lots of company but, according to one expert, you'll be dollars short of the answer.

David Swett, executive vice president of Bruce Payne & Associates, an international management consultant, put stop watches and slide rules to work and claims the cost ranges from about \$6.50 all the way to \$15.

"It is pretty difficult to refute the figures," he says, because they are derived from precise analysis of such things as dictating and typing speed, the time consumed in editorial changes and the efficiency of personnel.

If Swett is correct, it means that many businessmen are overlooking an expense that is needlessly cutting into profits. That \$15 letter, he says, is waste.

In reaching his estimates, Swett assumed that the executive is paid \$20,000 a year or \$12 an hour and that the time he spends on each letter is 10.5 per cent of one hour—a bit more than six minutes.

If that \$12 an hour figure seems to conflict with \$20,000 a year it is because Swett includes in it the costs of absences, vacations and holidays.

The secretary is paid \$150 a week or \$4.55 an hour and

spends 25.7 per cent of an hour on each letter. Mailing-filing involves workers paid \$110 a week, or \$3.34 an hour, and involves 2.5 per cent of an hour. No executive works at 100 per cent efficiency, however.

Swett assumes that 85 per cent efficiency is about the maximum to be hoped for. That means that the total direct labor cost is \$3.01 a letter, the components being \$1.48 for executive time, \$1.43 secretary, 10 cents filing.

At 60 per cent efficiency, which is "pretty typical," the cost is \$4.27. And at 35 per cent, and "there are lots of environments in which this is the case," the labor cost soars to \$7.31.

That's not all. To these labor costs must be added fixed charges for rent, heat, light, depreciation, interest and so on. Based on long experience, Swett states that such charges generally equal the cost of direct labor.

In addition, there are material costs, mainly for stationery and stamps, making the totals \$6.39 at 85 per cent efficiency, \$8.91 at 60 per cent, and \$14.99 at 35 per cent.

The reason for this becomes obvious when you look at some of the equipment used by large corporations in producing a letter. It might include \$15,000 worth of dictating equipment, tape driven typewriters and cathode ray tubes. Every second of idleness is waste.

GROWERS CHECK
CENTRAL AGENCY

10 Years Ago
A skeleton outline of a central sales agency program designed for selling a big chunk of the apples and peaches produced in southwestern Michigan was drawn for 150 area growers and fruit exchange officials Thursday night at the Sodus township hall.

The new marketing proposal, presented by Max Smith, manager of Millburg Growers Exchange, was aired before a goodly share of the area's largest growers and packers.

MACARTHUR OBSERVES
62ND BIRTHDAY

30 Years Ago
General Douglas MacArthur, the jaunty Beau Sabreur of an already historic Philippines campaign, celebrated his 62nd birthday today in the thick of the fighting on a crucial war front.

His personality, material spirit and record as a soldier make it evident that he would prefer no finer setting for the occasion.

RETAIL MERCHANTS

40 Years Ago
Harvey L. Geddes, owner of the Geddes feed store, was elected as president of the St. Joseph Retail Merchants association.

VISITS PARENTS

50 Years Ago
Philip Daly has arrived from Erie, Pa., to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daly of Summit avenue.

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

60 Years Ago
Mrs. James Dansfield entertained a company of 12 honoring the 12th birthday anniversary of her son, Roland.

POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEE

80 Years Ago
Elliott Caldwell has become an employee of the postoffice.

BERRY'S WORLD



"If you think my 'Howard Hughes' is good, wait'll you hear me do 'Richard Nixon'!"

EDNA PRINCE,
Gallen.

Ray Cromley

Nationalization

Looms For Rails



WASHINGTON (NEA) — It is altogether possible the nation's railroads will be nationalized within the next half-dozen years. The passenger business has already been taken over. The plight of the Penn-Central Railroad has caused some lawmakers to look at the industry with jaundiced eyes.

If past experience in other countries is any test, nationalization of the rails would cost the U.S. taxpayer heavily in open and hidden subsidies for operating deficits each year.

This would be a pity. For the railroad industry has within itself the capacity for highly efficient and profitable operation. Both rail and independent analysts this reporter has contacted see no reason why the railroads cannot — under the proper conditions — carry their share of the nation's freight at reasonable cost on reliable schedules while making a profit large enough to encourage development.

But this ideal situation is on paper. Shippers complain their goods don't arrive on schedule, that when they are delivered breakage is high.

The railroads say they can't correct their deficiencies until they can get more money. They say that they can't afford the new equipment, the heavy computerization and the maintenance standards necessary.

The rails say they can't borrow the funds they need (except for a few "rich" roads) because they're in such bad shape financially banks

consider them a poor risk.

They'd like to have government-guaranteed loans similar in concept to the FHA (Federal Housing Administration) guarantees the government puts up, for a fee, for home buyers.

Freight cars are old and in sad repair on many lines, and since these cars get shunted through the national system, the efficiency of all is lowered. Locomotives are tired.

But worst of all are the inefficient methods some rail lines use in keeping track of cars on their runs and in getting shipments to destinations. Here again, inefficient lines slow the whole system.

But the railroads say they have an equally great problem in their pricing — what they're allowed to charge shippers. The problem here is delay. Important price changes, they claim, can take as long as seven months to get through the mill at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Though many price changes are granted quickly, there are sufficient delays on the major shifts that railway economists estimate profits could be doubled if they were allowed to make temporary (interim) price adjustments immediately when recognized cost increases (such as wage boosts) raise their expenditures. These costs are almost always allowed, the railways say, but the bureaucratic delays in approving the higher rates (while expenses go up and income stays level), they claim, costs America's rail lines \$250 million a year.

Marionne Means

Florida Liberals

Like Humphrey



WASHINGTON — On a national basis, most voters tell the pollsters they believe that Sen. Hubert Humphrey is somewhat more conservative than Sen. Edmund Muskie.

But in Florida, which will hold the second and most crucial early primary, the opposite is true.

A private Humphrey poll indicates that there Humphrey is perceived to be more liberal than Sen. Muskie, more liberal than he is seen to be nationally, and more liberal than he was seen to be in Minnesota during his 1970 Senate election campaign.

A major reason for this image reversal appears to be that an unusually large proportion of Florida's population is elderly and middle-aged. (For instance, 9 per cent of the national population is 65 years of age or older, in Florida, 15 per cent of the population is in that age group.) These people still have a vivid memory of Sen. Humphrey's fight for civil rights at the 1948 Democratic convention, which led Florida and the rest of the South to walk out and form a third party.

In the eyes of young voters and Northern white residents, however, that episode more than two decades ago is either a musty footnote in the history books or less vital now than his defense of the Vietnamese War during his Vice Presidential years.

The fact that most Floridians place Sen. Humphrey to

the left of Sen. Muskie has sharply affected the strategy of both.

Gov. George Wallace, who runs first in some Florida polls, represents a tough challenge to both men. But, of the two, Sen. Muskie stands to be hurt the most by Wallace.

Muskie and Wallace are both competing for votes on the conservative side of the board philosophical spectrum. Hence Muskie is being forced to attack Wallace directly, while Humphrey can afford to ignore Wallace and make his appeal to the liberals.

One of Humphrey's biggest problems may turn out to be Shirley Chisholm, the black Congresswoman from Brooklyn. Rep. Chisholm is aiming her campaign almost entirely at black voters and women. She is unlikely to rally large numbers of white women, but she could do very well in the black community. At the moment, Florida blacks are overwhelmingly for Sen. Humphrey, to keep Rep. Chisholm from eating away that support, Humphrey is being forced to step up his efforts to mobilize blacks on his behalf.

Humphrey's campaign manager, Jack Chestnut, believes that Florida — and perhaps Wisconsin, if Florida is indecisive — is the place where his candidate must stop Muskie if it is to happen at all. Thus the Humphrey effort is directed largely to those two primaries, rather than to competing with Muskie in such exercises designed for national impact as collecting the endorsements of Senators and governors elsewhere.

Death Penalty
Is Requested

WAUKESHA, Ill. (AP) — A Circuit Court jury has recommended the death penalty for William Benedik of Dixmoor who was convicted Tuesday of murdering two Fox Lake residents.

Benedik, 42, former head auditor at the Fisher Body Corp. plant in LaGrange, was arrested Sept. 18, two days after Mrs. Lynn Kelly, 40, and Karl Kremery, 32, were fatally stabbed.

Two Men Run For BH Board Gordon, Cooke Seeking To Fill Vacancy

Two men have announced they are seeking appointment to the Benton Harbor board of education to fill the vacancy created last Saturday by the resignation of Mrs. Nancy Taylor.

Announcing availability for the post are the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, pastor of Union Memorial AME church, and Wilce L. Cooke, a registered nurse employed at Mercy hospital.

The remaining six members of the board can fill the seat by appointment. The post will be up for election in June for a two-year term.

The Rev. Gordon is well-known for his statements calling for harmony in school

affairs. Cooke was a candidate in last June's school election and also ran as a sticker candidate for the Benton Harbor city commission. He heads a newly-formed human relations committee which he formed privately.

The Rev. Gordon said: "I have no great or profound solution to the complex problems in our school district. It will take some intelligent, compassionate, and honest facing of facts in making decisions regarding those problems. I think every child in the district should receive a quality education and I hope to act in the interest of all the people."

"I believe in the American

way of life and Christian integrity. The problems of our district may be vivid and painful but they have to be faced and acted upon for the best interests of all of our boys and girls. I am willing to learn and I seek the opportunity to serve."

Cooke said: "Minorities don't have representation on the board of education and this amounts to taxation without representation."

He explained he was speaking of minorities in the traditional sense. Black students are in the majority in the Benton Harbor school district, although there is no black member on the board of education.



CHARTING 'ON TO VIENNA': Mothers of St. Joseph bandmen, and chaperones check with Director Robert W. Brown on details of the trip to Vienna for the International Youth Music festival. From

left are: Mrs. Herb Milnikel, Brown, Mrs. Edward Schalon, whose husband is general chairman of the Vienna Project, Mrs. Donald Geresy and Dr. Gerald Beal, medical officer. (Staff Photo)

St. Joseph Band Will Fill European Air With Music

St. Joseph High school band expects to be playing about half the free time it has in Europe, Director Robert W. Brown told parents, chaperones and bandmen yesterday.

But he could not be more specific because Dr. Warren S. Freeman, executive director of the International School Band Festival, couldn't make it through a midwinter storm to St. Joseph yesterday. Dr. William D. Revelli, the retired University of Michigan band director, who is the festival musical director, also had to reschedule his trip to St. Joseph.

The two festival leaders will come to St. Joseph sometime after Feb. 19, Brown said in the latest word from the two

men, and spend the whole day here.

Brown offset the bad news that Dr. Freeman would miss the meeting by announcing that "our Vienna fund drive is now around \$16,000. The goal for the trip is \$70,000."

The \$16,000 total includes donations received this week including a \$50 gift from the Berrien County Sheriff's deputies and \$500 from Peoples State Bank. The bank's gift was scheduled to be presented at the formal opening of the Scottsdale branch, but five degrees below zero cold prevented the band from playing and appearing in person.

Brown is awaiting the concert schedule. He said yesterday that it will fit into the general itinerary laid out for

the St. Joseph band that calls for the following schedule:

- July 5—Leave Detroit.
- July 6—Arrive Amsterdam, clear customs, drive into city.
- July 7—Sightseeing in Amsterdam and The Hague.
- July 8—Drive to Rhineland in Germany. (Part of trip will be by boat.)
- July 9—Drive to Munich.
- July 10—Arrive in Vienna.
- July 11—Preparation for festival.
- July 12—Orientation day. (some sightseeing and bandmen will visit giant amusement park.)
- July 13—Marching band parade, individual concerts in the evening.
- July 14 — Bands perform for rating.
- July 15—Marching band competition in Vienna stadium, concert competition in Vienna State Opera house.
- July 16 — "Great Day of the Bands Program," with parade and massed band concerts and awarding of certificates and trophies.
- July 17—Drive to Salzburg.
- July 18—Sightseeing in Salzburg.
- July 19—Drive to village of St. Anton via Innsbruck.
- July 20—Sightseeing in Austrian Alps.
- July 21 — Drive to Lucerne area in Switzerland.
- July 22—Sightseeing in Lucerne area.
- July 23—Drive to Heidelberg, Germany.
- July 24—Sightseeing in Heidelberg.
- July 25 — Drive to Brussels, Belgium.
- July 26—Drive to Amsterdam and board planes for Detroit.

Brown said he hoped the schedule would permit sightseeing one day and a concert appearance on another. He said the primary reason for taking the band to the festival was to show Europeans the quality of public school musical instruction as conducted in America.

Parents and chaperones heard Brown charge his bandmen with the attitude they should take into St. Joseph business places Saturday — the final day of the "On to Vienna Dollar Days" being sponsored by the St. Joseph Business Division. Said Brown: "These retail merchants are inviting you into their store. Be proud of that store. He is cooperating and supports the St. Joe band in its goal of going to Vienna. He's proud to have you in that store and doesn't feel it will hurt business. So when you walk in there, let's make sure

you are a credit not only to yourself and the people you represent, but make these people happy they did invite us in. You have a heavy responsibility."

Brown also said the band so far has operated on the theory that if one goes everybody goes and all are expected to volunteer for work that must be done. He said he recognized conflicts can arise. So far the cooperation has been 100 per cent, he noted.

The St. Joseph band will have 140 in its Vienna party — 116 bandmen and 24 adults.

Chaperones and other aides already signed up include: Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Steve Harmon and Bill Womer, equipment handlers; Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Beal, Mrs. Donald Geresy, Mrs. Thomas Brady, Mrs. Robert Grimm, Herb Milnikel, Dr. and Mrs. Robert

Tichnor, Mrs. Robert Kline, Miss Nancy Kline, Mrs. John VanAmroy, Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hora and Dick Derrick.

Dr. Beal will be the medical officer. Hora will be assistant conductor (he is Milton band director), Mrs. Kline will be historian and Miss Kline librarian. The Nelsons have been abroad before and will help with day to day trip arrangements.

Brown said St. Joseph will share a DC-8 jet with the Roseville band. Roseville is a suburb of Detroit.

Bands from 51 nations will converge on Vienna for the festival. In addition to St. Joseph, and Roseville, the Muskegon Mona Shores, Detroit Kettering and Detroit Redford bands are making plans to go.

Transfer Petitions Resubmitted By Eaman, N. Shore

Petitions to transfer from the Benton Harbor school district are being resubmitted

to the Berrien Intermediate board of education by East North Shore - South Eaman residents.

Heart Unit Seminar Tonight

The Berrien county heart unit of the Michigan Heart association will sponsor a second heart seminar at 8 p.m. tonight at the Memorial hospital forum, St. Joseph.

The seminar is for former coronary patients, their families and interested persons. Dr. Frank H. Bunker, will be the speaker. The heart unit is a United Fund agency.

Defective Wiring Blamed For Fire

Defective electrical wiring was blamed for fire in the home of Rev. Rudolph Thomas, 725 East High, at 2:40 p.m. Tuesday, according to Benton Harbor firemen. Fire officials said damage was confined to a small area of the ceiling located near where the blaze began.

East North Shore - South Eaman filed petitions with the Intermediate board last October to transfer to Coloma district then withdrew them pending a report of the redistricting committee for a remapping of the present Benton Harbor district.

Charles H. Wade, spokesman for the petitioners, said: "It is apparent the redistricting committee has ceased to function and any proposals submitted would not be satisfactory to East North Shore - South Eaman."

The redistricting committee announced last month that it couldn't agree on a remapping plan but hoped to present an alternative of reorganizing the Benton Harbor district within present boundaries.

Three other sets of transfer petitions from the Benton Harbor district are now at the state level awaiting a decision — West Fairplain, Sodas and West North Shore-Lafayette. Petitions for transfer to Coloma district were collect in Millburg but not filed. The attorney for petitioners announced last September the petitions were being withheld, pending a redistricting plan.



REV. C. WESLEY GORDON



WILCE COOKE

Canada Approves BH Air Firm

Blue Star Aviation of Benton Harbor has been granted permission by the Canadian Transportation Commission to operate charter flight to points in seven Canadian provinces.

The Ross Field based firm was one of eight U.S. charter air carriers to receive permits.

The president of Blue Star is Steve Hungate, William Schumacher is treasurer and Peter Baird is secretary.

Jaycees Spearhead \$105,000 Campaign For Rehab Center

Lakeshore and Niles area Jaycees have accepted the role of fund raisers for a proposal to develop a \$250,000 rehabilitation center for Berrien county.

Mrs. Sue Burda, president of the Berrien County Association for Retarded Children, said Ronald Griffin of Lakeshore Jaycees and James Yocum of the Niles Jaycees would be co-chairmen for the drive. Yocum is vice president

of District 36, which includes Niles, Buchanan, Bridgman, Berrien Springs, Eau Claire, Lakeshore, and North River Valley.

The Jaycees will seek to raise \$105,000 in local funds to be matched by \$145,000 from the federal vocational rehabilitation and the developmental disabilities programs.

The drive has been approved by the Twin Cities United Community fund and the

Southwest Michigan Comprehensive Health Planning association.

Official kick-off date for the project is Feb. 1, with completion expected about March 17. An initial contribution of \$15,000 has been received from the county Association for Retarded Children.

The center is to be 12,000 square feet, consisting of a sheltered workshop for about 70 workers of post-school age, a work activity center for about 30 more severely handicapped individuals, and a diagnostic and evaluation unit. An option has been taken on four acres of property in Berrien Springs for the center.

Among those served by the center will be the present clients of the Niles Association for Exceptional Children and the Berrien County Association for Retarded Children, with the latter as sponsor.

Walter Wend, director of special education for the county intermediate school district, was chairman of the committee.

Jaycees will report to a steering committee consisting of Bailey Canfield of Benton Harbor, Orville Adler of Niles, Mrs. Ann White of Niles, Jerry Reppmann of Stevensville, Ned Starke of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Audrey Green of Niles.

Widow Sues For \$1 Million

The widow of a Benton Harbor electrician killed on the job last summer filed suit Tuesday in Berrien circuit court claiming \$1 million damages against two companies.

Mrs. Sandra K. Bettich, widow of Alexander Bettich of 2091 Tecumseh drive, Sodas township, filed suit through St. Joseph Atty. John Ryan against Superior Steel Castings Co. and Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., both of Benton Harbor.

Also named as a defendant was a John Doe, identified in the suit as the one who failed to disconnect an electrical conductor on the roof of a Superior Steel building on June 24, 1971.

The suit claimed I&M and Superior Steel knew or ought to have known that 4,160 volts flowed through the abandoned, uninsulated conductor on the shed rooftop where Bettich was helping fellow workers hang power cable. And it claimed they should have protected him from it.

Bettich, 37, left a wife and three children. An Illinois firm won a \$4,970.87 default judgment against a St. Joseph man this week in Berrien circuit court. L. Krip & Sons, Inc., of Elk Grove Village, won the default in Judge Chester J. Byrnes' court against Glen Avery in a suit for allegedly unpaid goods. A second defendant,



GETS DEGREE: Stanley Sacha, a 1965 graduate of Lakeshore high school, has received his Master of Science degree in administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He earned a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Michigan Tech in 1969. He is presently a project engineer for Patrol Craft and Hydrofoils under the Naval Ship Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

John Teachout of St. Joseph, was dismissed as a defendant earlier by stipulation.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson of St. Joseph filed suit in circuit court this week claiming a total of \$35,000 against two men for injuries Mrs. Johnson allegedly suffered in a two-car crash Sept. 23, 1969, in Lincoln township. Named as defendants were Kenneth Slocum of Baroda, listed as the owner of the car that collided with the Johnson car, and Rex Allen Slocum of Buchanan, listed as the driver.

PLAN LODGE BUILDING

Paw Paw Lake FOP Will Purchase Land

COLOMA — Members of Paw Paw Lake Lodge Fraternal Order of Police last night voted to buy a one-acre site in Coloma township for a proposed lodge building.

The land, located off Streje drive near Deer Forest, will be bought from Paul Muth for \$2,200.

The lodge includes active law officers from Eau Claire, Hartford, Watervliet, Coloma and Coloma township.

Magistrate Moving To Courthouse Office

The office of Magistrate Joyce Bucher will be located Monday at Fifth District court in Berrien county courthouse. Friday is the last day for Miss Bucher in her current office on the lower level of Goldblatt's at Fairplain Plaza.

Magistrates are empowered to handle traffic cases under the judicial system which abolished the office of justice of the peace and created magistrates and district courts.

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Job Training Council Will Select Officers

New Berrien Group Supporting Better Career Education

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The 26 members of the coordinating council of a new career education planning district of Berrien county will meet at the Berrien Intermediate district headquarters here tonight at 7:30 to elect officers.

The council members, including educators, elected officials and private citizens from across the county, were selected by county school superintendents to help de-

termine area manpower needs and assist school districts in Berrien to provide quality career education.

The career education planning district is one of 49 established in the state by the vocational education division of the state education department. In each case, the boundaries are identical to those of an intermediate district, and the intermediate districts will supervise their operation and

arrange for their financing. Berrien Intermediate Supt. Doyle Barkmeier said the appointed coordinating council and its paid coordinator will be charged with developing an annual plan to make the best use of existing vocational programs in the public school districts of the county and to expand career education opportunities.

State aid and appropriations from the intermediate district will finance the work and even cover cost of transportation of students between districts if such is required to increase career education opportunities.

According to Barkmeier, all the K-12 school districts in Berrien county have agreed to underwrite the expenses of the coordinating council by contributing up to 10 cents per student. This could amount to approximately \$4,500.

The coordinating council members tonight will also meet the newly-hired council coordinator, Ben F. Winslow, 43, of Niles. Winslow is employed by the Intermediate district.

Formerly, Winslow directed vocational education for Niles and Brandywine school districts for 3½ years. An ex-mathematics teacher and Iowa native, Winslow has 6½ years of experience in vocational education.

"My primary objective is to get more career education and make more of it available in the county," Winslow said. "We've got some fine occupational education programs in the county. Our charge is to make it available to more kids."

The career education planning district's council was requested by the state department of education as an agency to develop countywide career education for students and adults. The plan the council adopts hopefully would be funded with state-federal dollars.

The members of the coordinating council are Wesley Arent, Coloma; Doyle Barkmeier, Intermediate district; Robert Bertweil, St. Joseph; Neal Blinkman, Benton Harbor; Oscar Cole, Sodus; Richard Dougherty, Buchanan; Donald Eppelheimer, St. Joseph; Harry Gast, Jr., Stevensville; Warren Gast, St. Joseph; Richard B. Gates, Benton Harbor; Charles Joseph, Benton Harbor; Denton Kime, Sodus;

Tony Korican, Bridgman; Eldon Mocherman, Niles; William Niezgodski, Niles; Charles Payne, Galien; Richard Rogers, Watervliet; Peter Rudell, Berrien Springs; Veronica Schroder, New Buffalo; Gerald Shook, Niles; Lad Stacey, Berrien Springs; Daniel Stevens, Niles; Michael Stone, Benton Harbor; Wayne Warner, Three Oaks; Wayne Wiltshire, St. Joseph; John Woods, Stevensville.

Allegan Woman Killed

ALLEGAN — A rural Allegan woman became this county's first traffic fatality of the year early this morning.

Allegan county sheriff's deputies identified the victim as Mrs. Gertrude Markle, 37, of Route 1, Allegan. She was pronounced dead at the scene by medical examiner Dr. Larry Wiseman.

Police said Mrs. Markle was alone in the car when it crashed head-on into a tree along 26th street, a half mile south of 108th avenue in Trowbridge township.

Officers said the vehicle was north-bound when Mrs. Markle apparently lost control. The vehicle crossed a ditch before striking the tree. Police said weather apparently was not a factor in the crash.

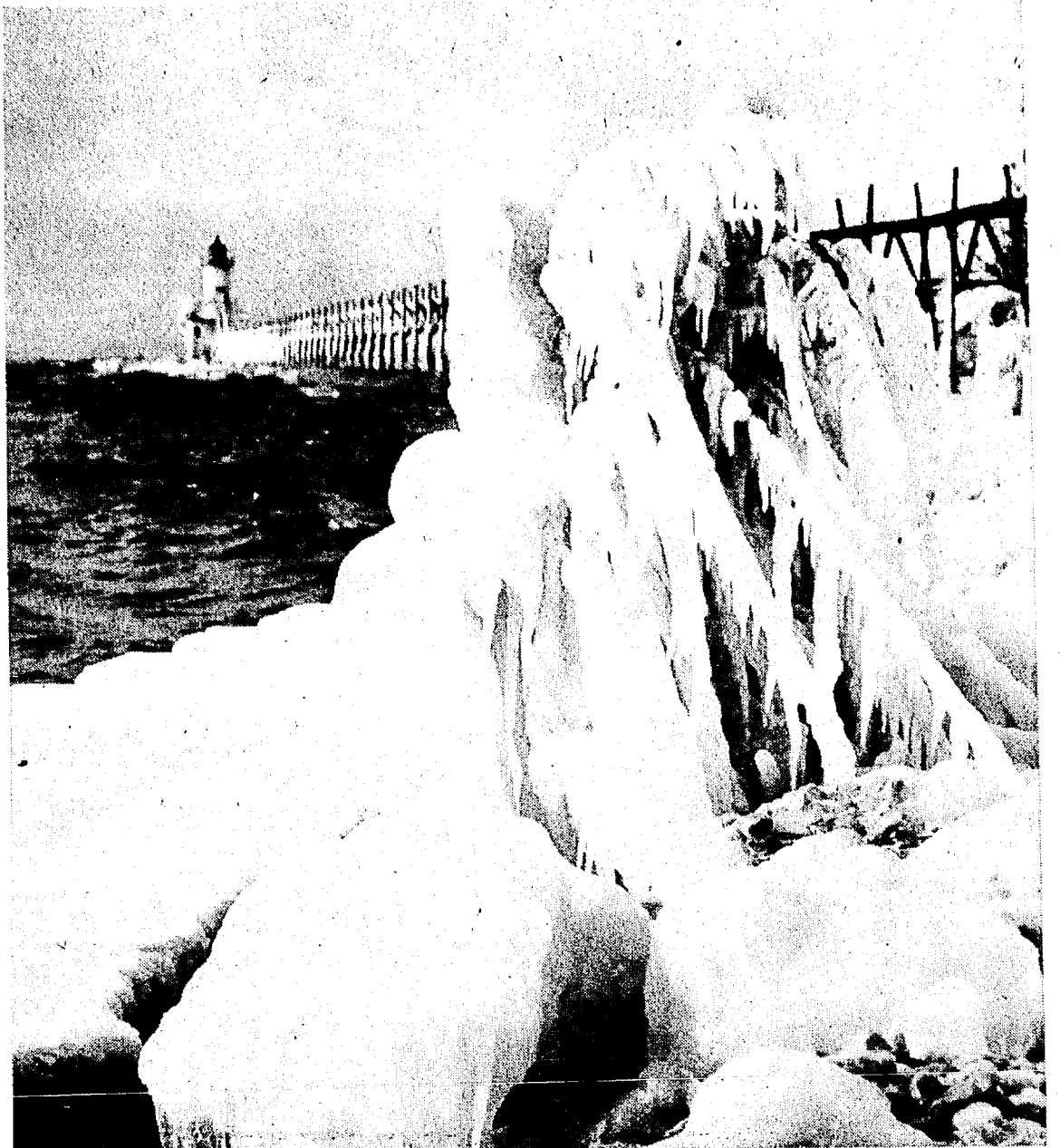
The accident was reported to police at 2:55 a.m. Mrs. Markle's body was taken to Nyberg funeral home in Allegan, where funeral arrangements are pending.

Fire Hits Dwelling In Decatur

DECATUR — Fire early this morning damaged the attic and roof of a house occupied by the Roscoe Wiles family at 101 Beers street in Decatur.

Decatur volunteer firemen, called at 1:30 a.m. today, managed to keep the fire confined to the attic. The family continued to live in the lower floors.

Firemen attributed the fire to an improperly vented heating stove. There was no immediate estimate of the damage. The house is owned by Mrs. Esther Stewart of Decatur.



THE BEAUTY OF IT ALL: Winter temperatures, winds and waves are harsh, but they also create beauty in artistic patterns along the channel bank

leading to the north pier on Lake Michigan at St. Joseph. Channel waters are open despite subzero blast of 10 days ago.



WEIRD: Pilings along pier are draped with thick garment of ice which produces some strange-looking tendrils. (Staff photos by Harry Smith)

Speaker Is From Norway

A Norwegian police official with international experience will be the first speaker of a lecture series at Lake Michigan college on "Comparative Criminal Justice Systems", on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Distinguished guest speakers from various other parts of the world, including Germany, Japan and England's Scotland Yard, will appear in subsequent lectures in the series, according to Lt. Michael Devine, law enforcement training coordinator at LMC.

Major Einar O. Hjellemo of Oslo, Norway, will open the series.

Major Hjellemo served with the Oslo police department from 1937 to 1943, and was put in a labor camp by the German occupation forces for his resistance activities. After the war he served in several posts with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration. While based with the Norwegian police, he has had several leaves of absence to head a police unit protecting the United Nations Palestine mission from 1949 to 1951, and to head the squad of security personnel at UN headquarters in New York. Under a Fulbright grant he earned a master's degree in the police field at Michigan State university and later served as a visiting professor in 1967-68.

The series will be open to the public, and a special invitation will be given area law enforcement officers, Devine said. The series is sponsored by the law enforcement education department at LMC in conjunction with the Macomb County Community College Criminal Justice center.

Palisades Power Increase Not Dangerous, Says AEC

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Atomic Energy Commission staff members say they believe the Consumers Power Co. Palisades nuclear power plant could operate at 60 per cent power without risking environmental damage to Lake Michigan.

The plant, located by the shore of the lake near South

Haven, has been operating on-and-off at 20 per cent power for several weeks for testing.

Consumers Power has applied for a permit to operate at 60 per cent power as a step toward a full-power license.

Consumers Power has agreed with environmental groups to install cooling towers to prevent the discharge of hot water into

the lakes and to take steps to reduce the risk of radiation leakage into the atmosphere.

The AEC staff told an Atomic Energy Safety and Licensing Board hearing Tuesday that it saw no danger in 60 per cent operation.

The hearings were to resume today.

Remember Five Years Ago Today?

Remember five years ago today?

Snow started falling at 7 a.m. and when it abated, drifts were piled higher than car tops on southwestern Michigan roads. The area never before had been so completely paralyzed by the weather.

That storm produced inconvenience, suffering and deaths because of heart attacks. With automobile traffic immobilized, it brought the snowmobile to the fore as a practical vehicle in time of emergency and a recreational craze in more halcyon days when there is snow.

This winter there has been a dearth of snow, but the subzero blast of Jan. 15-16 has made it a record-breaker.

The weatherman had predicted more subzero temperatures for last night and early today, but they didn't materialize. The overnight low on this newspaper's recording thermometer was 11° above at midnight. At WHFB it was 10° above.

For tonight and Thursday, there is a forecast of possible light snow with a low of 3 to 8° above.

Southwestern Michigan was more fortunate than many other sectors of the nation, which were gripped by subzero cold and high winds. In the State of Washington, several deaths were attributed to bitter weather and schools were closed in Seattle for the third time in 22 years because of six foot snow drifts in the city and little snow removal equipment.

The northwest and upper middlewest bore the brunt of the cold with the nation's low temperature 35° below at International Falls, Minn. The east coast was lashed by gale force winds which were blamed for four deaths.

Riley To Head F.O.P.



SGT. TOM RILEY
New F.O.P. President

LAWTON — Tom Riley, a sergeant with the Van Buren sheriff's department has been elected president of the county fraternal order of police.

Riley of Hartford succeeds Frank Terrell of Paw Paw.

Also elected to F.O.P. posts were Dwight Brown of Lawton, secretary-treasurer; Richard Pitts of Paw Paw, vice president; John Gaborik of Decatur, conductor; Terrell, chaplain; and Henry Van-Dyken of Lawton, guard.

The F.O.P. has 50 members and 200 associate members.

Every law enforcement agency in the county with the exception of South Haven city police department has a representative in the organization.

Buchanan Adult Classes Will Start On Feb. 7

BUCHANAN — Classes in the adult education program of the Buchanan schools are to begin the week of Feb. 7 at the high school, according to William Tyus, director of the community school program.

Adults enrolling in the high school completion program may choose among courses to be held in the morning and at night.

Nighttime enrichment courses will include family camping, typing, furniture upholstery and macrame. Baby-sitting services will be available to women who enroll in the Ladies' physical activities class on Tuesday night.

Tyus said registrations should be made as soon as possible by contacting him at the high school. Over 30 teachers will be teaching the courses, Tyus said.

Judges Still Doesn't Get His Joke

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan Appeals Court has held that a robbery with a toy gun was no April fool's joke.

The court denied a new trial for Samuel Crittle, formerly of Buchanan, convicted of armed robbery by a jury in the court of Berrien County

Circuit Court Judge Chester J. Byrns.

The Appeals Court said Crittle entered a Niles grocery store on April 7, 1970, produced a toy handgun and stated, "This is a hold-up."

After cash was handed over,

the court said, Crittle gave the money back and said it was an April fool's joke. He then ordered and paid for one bottle of beer and left.

An intended robbery occurred and was not negated by the intoxicated condition of the de-

fendant, the court said.

Crittle, about 39 and a former Buchanan resident, is serving a 25 to 50-year sentence for the robbery.

The Appeals Court, for a second time, reversed a Detroit Recorder's Court conviction of

Charles Moore for failure to display his operator's license and vehicle registration to a uniformed police officer upon demand. The original charge dates back to August, 1966.

The defendant did produce the license within reasonable time, the court said, in view of

the fact the license was located within the glove compartment of the car. The defendant did not have a key but ripped open the bottom of the glove compartment and produced the license within about four minutes, the court said.

PARSELL STEPPING DOWN
DETROIT (AP) — Carl Parsell said Tuesday he will step down after 14 years as president of the Detroit Police Officers Association (DPOA) when his term expires next September.